



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
SAGE WOMEN’S CLINIC OFFERS FREE SCREENINGS

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER Awareness Month – time to remind everyone about the importance of screening for early detection of breast cancer. According to statistics from the Minnesota Department of Health, an average of 160 deaths occur each year in Hennepin County due to breast cancer.

“If all women age 40 and older took advantage of early detection methods – mammography plus clinical breast exams – breast cancer death rates would drop by up to 30 percent,” said Bloomington Public Health Program Manager Karen Stanley. “Our Sage Clinic helps to make early detection possible for everyone.”

Sage Women’s Clinic in Edina offers free breast and cervical cancer screening to women age 40 and older who are uninsured or underinsured and who meet income guidelines. Further diagnostic services are available to women needing the services and staff will assist women in locating necessary resources for treatment.

A new program called SagePlus also allows women to receive cardiovascular screening and the opportunity to select nutrition and exercise goals.

For information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-888-643-2584.

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH
VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES OFFERED IN OCTOBER



HUMAN SERVICES CELEBRATES DisAbility Employment Awareness Month in October. This month-long effort provides an opportunity for people with disabilities to learn about job-searching skills via the Internet, resume writing and self-advocacy skills. Businesses learn about the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities. For a complete list of activities to be offered during October, visit our Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: DEAM or call Human Services at 952-563-4957 V/TTY.

GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS
ALAZAR AND ENDALKACHEW PRACTICE ENGLISH THROUGH PLAY



EVERY SUMMER, KIDS FROM ALL OVER BLOOMINGTON flock to the City’s Summer Adventure Playgrounds. This summer, Westwood Park welcomed two brothers from Ethiopia.

Adopted in April, Bloomington residents Alazar, age 9, and Endalkachew, age 6, quickly assimilated through the City’s summer park program. Though the boys began their summer at Westwood speaking very limited English, by August, Alazar was one of the biggest jokers in the park and Endalkachew, despite being one of the youngest kids in the program, became one of the most enthusiastic athletes in the program.

Both boys enjoy sports, water games, swimming and teaching staff members words in their native language, Amharic.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
COME JOIN THE FUN AT YOUR FIRE STATION’S OPEN HOUSE



FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSES			
Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.			
STATION NO.	ADDRESS	STATION NO.	ADDRESS
1	10 West 95th St.	4	4201 W. 84th St.
2	10601 Xerxes Ave. S.	5	10540 Bush Lake Road
3	2050 E. 86th St.	6	8601 Lakeview Road
ALSO STOP BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY OPEN HOUSE! 7525 Braemar Blvd., Edina, at the N.E. corner of I-494 and Hwy. 169			

THE CITY’S SIX FIRE STATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING FACILITY CELEBRATE National Fire Prevention Week with an open house on **Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Firefighters, Police and Public Works staff will be on hand, along with a variety of activities, demonstrations and tours. Free t-shirts and temporary tattoos will be available for kids. For more information, call 952-563-4801.

LET’S TALK
CONVERSATION STARTERS FOR BUSY FAMILIES



THREE YEARS AGO, BLOOMINGTON Public Health created Let’s Talk tins – a conversation-starter resource for families with children ages 10 and up. The tins include a collection of questions; some questions are fun and others focus on topics like alcohol, drugs, relationships and bullying.

Due to the program’s huge success, an enhanced version was recently developed with new questions, parent tips and activity suggestions.

For more information about talking to your kids, visit the Tri-City Partners’ Web site at www.tricitypartners.org. Tri-City Partners works to promote health, reduce risks and build assets in youth in Bloomington, Edina and Richfield.

Let’s Talk tins may be purchased for \$5 and are available in both English and Spanish. To purchase tins, call Public Health Specialist Laurie Masanz at 952-563-8904.

BLOOMINGTON YESTERDAY

HOPKINS BRIAR FIELD FARM - 1900

AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, JOE AND Leigh Hopkins grew black raspberries on their farm located along the Minnesota River bluff and valley at the end of what is now Lyndale Avenue. In addition to farming, the Hopkins operated a ferry from 1907 to 1921. The ferry was used to transport wagons, farm equipment, hay, logs, firewood and cattle across the Minnesota River. In 1912, Leigh Hopkins bought a used steam-powered pumping plant and installed it on the north bank of the river near the Hopkins Ferry landing. River water was pumped through a six-inch pipe at about 600 gallons per minute to irrigate the raspberry fields.

Source: “Bloomington on the Minnesota.”



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